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JOINT ANTI-COMMUNIST AND ANTI-ZIONIST STEPS

Iraq will consider joint anti-communist and anti-Zionist steps in the Arab countries, in compliance with the Lebanese Government's invitation. These talks will take place during the Arab League Political Committee Meeting in Cairo about January 20, 1951. (Al-Akhbar)

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PREMIER AL-QUDSI'S TALKS

The Syrian Legation in Baghdad has been instructed to transmit to the Iraqi Government the result of Premier Nadhim Al-Qudsi's talks in Cairo, and to inform it of Egypt's willingness to introduce amendments to the formation of the Joint Arab Army Staff Committee.

Premier Nuri As-Said may stop at Damascus on his way to Cairo, and according to well-informed circles, a meeting of the Arab Defense Ministers and their military commanders may take place in Cairo to discuss the military situation in the Middle East, in the light of the Arab Collective Security Pact which, according to League Circles, will be signed by Iraq. (Al-Akhbar)

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SYRO-IRAQI ECONOMIC TREATY

The Syrian government has approved the draft plan of the Syro-Iraqi Economic Treaty proposed by Iraq during the Syrian Premier's recent visit. This draft plan is much similar to the Syrian one. The two governments propose to conduct talks on this matter some time during the first week of January. (Al-Akhbar)

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IRAQI ECONOMIC DELEGATION TO INDIA

The Council of Ministers has decided to depute the Iraqi Economic Mission to India for negotiating an economic agreement.

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This delegation is led by H.E. Ali Mumtaz Al-Daftari and with the membership of H.E. Abdul Hadi Al-Chalabi, George Georgic, Baqir Al-Hassani, Bahir Faiq and Salman Juwaida. The Chief of this mission is empowered to conduct talks with the governments of Ceylon and Pakistan for concluding commercial treaties with these countries in conformity with their request. (Az-Zaman)

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#### PROMOTION OF COTTON CULTIVATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF OIL REFINERY

H.E. the new Minister of Economics disclosed that his policy is based on the establishment of an oil refinery and formation of a national company for date trading, and on the welfare of other resources, such as tobacco and cotton planting. He also said that he will strive to promote trade exchange and conclude commercial treaties with States with which Iraq is bound by commercial treaties, particularly the Arab States.

He concludes that he will also strive to conclude similar treaties with Syria and Egypt after ratification of the Economic treaty with the Lebanon. (Az-Zaman)

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#### ECONOMIC MINISTER RESIGNS FROM MEMBERSHIP OF ARAB RENAISSANCE CLUB

H.E. Abdul Majid Mahmud has for the time being tendered his resignation from the leadership and membership of the "Arab Renaissance Club.

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#### POINT IV AID TO IRAQ

Following the receipt of a communication from the Iraqi Embassy in Washington, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has reminded the three appropriate Ministries to speed up the formation of the Experts Committee charged with the preparation of the required reports, prior to contacting the American government, as any further delay would cause the loss of aid under President Truman's Point IV Program. (Al-Hawadith)

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The draft bill for the construction of an oil refinery to be presented to Parliament shortly, provides for the allocation of I.D. 6,000,000 to be spent during 1951, 1952, 1953 and 1954; it also provides for the floating of internal and external loans for this purpose. (Az-Zaman)

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